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1. A review of recent correspondence on SANITZER has shown that three field bases of KUBARK, ZIPPER, and possibly the BIS and RfV consider him to be an attractive target. It isn't too clear to us here to what extent KUBARK bases are merely compiling information or are planning an active campaign to burn or defect him. Obviously uncoordinated action in a defection attempt is the last thing we want. Even when it becomes clear what KUBARK bases are doing on SANITZER, it may be necessary to sound out Allied agencies on their plans or going operations against him. But the first job is to find out the nature of each base's interest, whether passive or active, and its capabilities of undertaking an operation against SANITZER.

2. COM would like all addressees to report on the following:

- a. Nature of their interest in SANITZER - whether an operation is contemplated or not.
- b. Names and capabilities of sources who claim to have leads to him.
- c. Base's judgment of the value of these sources and leads.
- d. If an operation has already begun, progress of the operation.

3. In the case of POB, it may be difficult to answer these questions exactly. However, we would appreciate whatever you have.

4. The end product of this effort is obviously to determine whether lines are already crossed or about to be crossed; further to mount a coordinated offensive to defect the man, if we have the capabilities to do it. It may be necessary to work together with the BIS or the RfV on the problem, but this is something to be decided after all KUBARK returns are in.

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5. Would all addressees of this dispatch please info their reply to all other addressees.

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